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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

YAMAMOTO et al.

Application Number: 09/918,642

Filed: August 1, 2001

For: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A SOLUTION
OF AN OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0013

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| FOR | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE | CLAIMS PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|
| Total Claims | 7 | 8 | (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | 6 | 3 (Over 3) | x \$200 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$360 | 0 |
| REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED | | | | x 1/2 | |
| | | | | TOTAL | 0 |

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

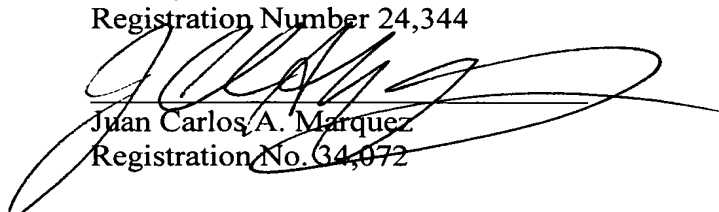
[x] Response/Amendment
w/claim amendments
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Substitute Specification
[] Request for Continued Examination

[x] Petition for Extension of Time (3 months)
[] Information Disclosure Statement
[x] Letter to Draftsperson (w/1 sheet)
[] sheets of drawings
[] Petition under _____

- [] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the fees for _____. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- [x] A check in the amount of **\$1,020.00** for the three-month extension fee is enclosed.
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005, in the above identified application, the period of response to which is set to expire on October 20, 2005, with payment of the appropriate extension fee for three months. Please amend the above identified application as follows: